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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Zimmer Atty. Docket: 18622 US

Application No.: 09/554,793 Group No.: 1743

Filed: September 19, 2000 Examiner: Alexander, Tyle

For: Capillary Active Test Element Having an Intermediate Layer Situated Between the Support and the Covering

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Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 31, 206, entry of the Terminal Disclosure and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.